

May 16, 2013

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1168 – *Education – Minority Teacher Recruitment – Study and Report*.

This bill requires the State Department of Education, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and the University System of Maryland to study and make recommendations on strategies to increase and improve minority teacher recruitment, preparation, development, and retention in elementary and secondary education in the State. The bill requires the Department, Commission, and System jointly to submit a specified report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2013.

Senate Bill 548, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1168.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley